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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that an information was filed yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison charging Thomas M. McHugh, 67, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, with structuring financial transactions. If convicted, Thomas McHugh faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The information alleges that from January 2003 to May 2005, McHugh, for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of federal law, structured more than \$100,000 in financial transactions with a domestic financial institution.

The charge against Thomas McHugh is the result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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